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SUBJECT: US-ROK AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION RENEGOTIATIONS

REF: A) STATE 79842; B) STATE 67419; C) SEOUL 1762

- 1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR INITIATION OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT RENEGOTIATION APRIL 17-18 ROKG MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE MID-MAY MEETING DATES (WEEK OF MAY 14 OR WEEK OF MAY 21.)
- 2. REASONS CITED INCLUDE ABSENCE OF AEC COMMISSION LEE CONFIDENTIAL

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BYONG WHIE AND NATIONAL SAFEGUARD SYSTEMS DIRECTOR KANG BAK-KWANG WHO WILL BE TRAVELING TO APRIL 21 IAEA VIENNA MEETING. LEE WILL RETURN APRIL 25-27. KANG WILL ALSO VISIT FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BONN TO DISCUSS FRG-KOREAN AGREEMENT FOR NUCLEAR COOPERATION, KARLSRUHE TO TOUR RESEARCH CENTER AND BIBLIS TO VISIT NUCLEAR POWER STATION COMPLEX). HE RETURNS TO KOREA APRIL 30. APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN MINISTRY PEOPLE ARE SAID TO BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY DURING FIRT TWO WEEKS IN MAY.

3. EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT IS THAT PART OF REASON FOR KOREAN DELAY IS INTEREST IN OUTCOME OF IAEA MEETING DEALING WITH IAEA EURATION SAFEGUARDS ARRANGEMENT WHICH AMOUNTS TO IAEA INSPECTORS INSPECTING EURATION INSPECTORS WHO INSPECT THE NATIONAL SAFEGUARDS SYSTEMS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. PRESENT PROCRASTINATION IS CONTRARY TO EARLIER INTEREST IN PRIORITY TREATMENT, REFTEL C, CONCERNING RENEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. SNEIDER

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